



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH
APRIL 2006

WHEREAS, for more than 120 years, North Dakota's community banks have provided local support to help our communities prosper and grow; and

WHEREAS, that tradition of giving back to the community continues today with more than 90 locally owned and operated community banks, providing services through nearly 150 banking offices located across the state; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's community banks have reinvested an average of 95 percent of their loan portfolio in their own communities through residential mortgages, and commercial, agricultural and student loans; and

WHEREAS, community banks play an important role in local economic development efforts, helping to stimulate the economy to produce jobs and new opportunities; and

WHEREAS, community banks have made significant contributions to the economic vitality of North Dakota's communities with their financial support, their dedication as good neighbors, and their commitment to fulfilling the financial needs of citizens throughout our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2006, **COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State